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Figure 6 is a graphical representation of a curve which corresponds to Fig. 5, but after a negative electrical stimulation.

Figure 7 is a graph showing the development of the action potential of the maxillary nerve 5 minutes after the application of capsaicin.

Figure 8 is a graphical comparison of the variations in the action potential of the maxillary nerve (V2, sensory) in response to an electrical stimulation at face level before and immediately after the topical application of xylocaine (5%).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 18, between lines 1 and 2 thereof, please add the following new paragraph:

--What is claimed is:--

On a separate, new page 22, please add the following new section heading and paragraph containing an Abstract of the Disclosure:

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